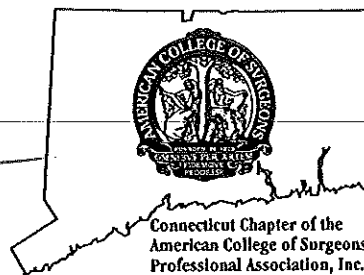




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Testimony in support of
House Bill 5012 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE
AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE TREATMENT OF PROSTATE
CANCER
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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, on behalf of the thousands of physicians and physicians in training of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (CT ACS), thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony to you today in support of HB 5012, An Act Concerning the Guidelines Established by the American Urological Association and the Treatment of Prostate Cancer.

Last session, thanks to the work of this committee, the General Assembly passed legislation requiring health insurance coverage for the treatment of prostate cancer. Specifically, language stated that coverage would be required provided that the treatment was medically necessary and in accordance with guidelines established by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, the American Cancer Society or the American Society of Clinical Oncology. The legislation before you today would simply add the American Urological Association to the appropriate list of entities whose established guidelines for treatment would be acceptable.

CSMS supported the original requirement for coverage of prostate cancer treatments. We, along with CT ACS support the inclusion of the American Urological Society as an appropriate source for guidelines.

Please support House Bill 5012, An Act Concerning the Guidelines Established by the American Urological Association and the Treatment of Prostate Cancer.